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Select Poetry.

HOW LITTLE WE KNOW.

How little we know of each other,
As we pass through the journey of life,
With its struggles, its fears and temptations,
Its heart-breaking cares and its strife!
We can only see things on the surface,
For few people glory in sin,
And an untried face is no index
To the tumult that rages within.

How little we know of each other!
The man who to-day passes by
Blessed with fortune and honor and titles,
And holding his proud head on high,
May carry a dread secret within him
Which makes his bosom a hell,
And he, sooner or later, a felon,
May write in the prisoner's cell.

How little we know of each other!
That woman of fashion who sneers
At the poor girl betrayed and abandoned,
And led to her ruin and her tears,
May, ere the sun rises to-morrow,
Have the mark rudely torn from her face,
And sink from the height of her glory
To the dark shades of shame and disgrace.

How little we know of each other!
Of ourselves too little we know!
We are weak when under temptation,
All subject to error and woe,
Then let blessed charity rule us,
Let us put away envy and spite—
For the skeleton grin in our closet
May some day be brought to light.

Select Story.

The Pretty Market Girl.

"Dear me! I'm sure I don't know
what to do; if ever anybody was in a
fix I'm in one now."

"What is it, autie, can't I help you
out of your fix?"

"Sakes alive! no, Lutie dear, you
can't help me one bit."

"Now, don't say that, autie; I'm
certain I can be of service to you if
you will only allow me. Why, I've
been here a whole week, and I've done
nothing but dress, read, eat and sleep,
and I'm as useless as the stuffed owl
upon the bookcase in the library, and
more in the way."

"Why, child!" and good Mrs. Bentley
stopped in her work of preparing a
turkey for the market, and looked lov-
ingly upon her niece. "I don't like to
hear you talk that way. Why, bless
your dear heart, the loved child of my
dead sister can never be in my way."

"Well, autie, I shall not feel like
coming out here to spend another
Thanksgiving if you will not allow me
to be of some service during my stay.
Come, tell me all about your fix and
see if I am not worth something besides
running around and amusing myself
while other people are making them-
selves useful."

"Oh, Lutie! there is nothing you
can do, although I'll tell you all about
it to pacify you. You see, all this
poultry and a lot of butter and eggs
were to be delivered to-day in the city
for the day after to-morrow is Thanks-
giving; and Jones, our hired man, is
sick with a cold, and can't leave his
bed; your uncle is away, and won't be
back till to-morrow night, and how un-
der the sun I am going to deliver these
things according to contract, is more
than I can tell."

To Mrs. Bentley's surprise, Lutie
clapped her hands and danced around
the room crying—
"Just the thing! capital! capital!"
"What on earth do you mean, child?
she managed to say, at last.

"Why, that I will go to the market
and deliver the goods myself. Now
don't say one word, autie," she con-
tinued as her aunt elevated her hands
and opened her mouth as if to give
vent to an "Oh!" "Don't say one
word; the idea just suits me, and I am
determined to go if you will allow me,"
she added.

"What, you! the daughter and heir-
ess of Judge Haines? You, the belle
of the city, going to market with tur-
keys, butter and eggs!"
"Yes, autie, and I can do it just as
well as Jonas would. Now don't op-
pose me? That's a good, dear soul!"
Mrs. Bentley really felt distressed to
know how to fulfil her contract, and
was thankful for the prospect of assist-
ance, but she could hardly reconcile
herself to the idea that her niece, the
beauty and heiress of whom she was
proud, should perform the role of a
market girl.

old Billy up to the door, all harnessed
and attached to the wagon. In a short
time the said wagon was filled with
the important articles for somebody's
Thanksgiving, and Lutie climbed to
the high seat, took the reins and whip
with a flourish which would have done
credit to a coachman.

"Have you got some warm gloves?"
asked Mrs. Bentley.

"No, indeed, they won't; wait a mo-
ment." She hastened into the house
and brought out a pair of woolen mit-
tens. "Here, put those on, Lutie, you
will need them, for it is very cold."

Lutie obeyed, and the plump little
hands looked exceedingly "funny," as
the young lady expressed it. In a few
moments more, having received her in-
structions, Lutie drove away.

"Don't forget to deliver those four
largest turkeys at Colonel Ormsby's,"
called out her aunt.

"Oh, no; but you haven't told me
where he lives," said Lutie, stopping
and waiting for the information.

"I declare, I don't know, but you
can find out at the market where you
are to deliver the rest."

"I think I can find it," replied Lutie
and drove off.

In due time she arrived at the mar-
ket. Explaining the cause of her com-
ing, she delivered the articles that
were to go there, and then inquired for
the residence of Colonel Ormsby.

"I cannot tell you, miss," replied the
proprietor; "but if you'll step into that
restaurant on the corner, I think you
will find out."

Lutie hesitated; should she allow
herself to enter a third-class saloon,
where she would be likely to come in
contact with low fellows who make
such places their daily resort? In a
moment she decided to go.

Lightly she tripped across the street,
and of the slovenly looking girl behind
the counter she made her inquiry.

"I don't know, myself," said, but if
you will wait a few minutes I'll go into
the kitchen and ask one of the girls
who used to live there."

Again Lutie hesitated. She disliked
the idea of remaining here even for a
few minutes. What if some of her ac-
quaintances should chance to pass, and
looking in, recognize her? Seeing she
hesitated the girl said:

"If you don't like to wait here, you
can step into the sitting room."

Lutie confessed she would rather go
in, so the girl threw open the door of
the sitting room and Lutie entered, but
started back and almost fainted, for
there, seated at a table, with a bottle
of some kind of liquor before him, and
a half-emptied glass in his hand, she
beheld Leon Lancaster, her affianced
husband.

"Ho! ho! my pretty one," he cried,
rising and coming toward her with a
drunken leer upon his face which made
him actually loathsome. "What do
you fear that you look so alarmed? I
will not harm you; come, give me a
kiss."

"Back!" she cried, raising her hand.
"Ah! the little beauty is going to
be dignified, isn't she? but you must
be more kind; give me a kiss."

"Back, I say! or I will call assist-
ance. I merely came to make an in-
quiry of one of the servants, and did
not expect to meet a drunken villain."

"How spirited she is. I like that,"
he said, stooping and picking up a mit-
ten she had dropped. "Ah!" he con-
tinued, starting back, as he noticed a
magnificent ring she wore upon her
forefinger, "where did you get that
ring? Let me see it, won't you?"

"No, I will not."

"Where did you get it?"
"It matters not now, since I came by
it honestly. I will give it to you the
next time I see you?"

"But I must see it now," and he
stepped toward her.

"Stand back!"
"I will see that ring."

"You shall not, sir!"
"We will see."

So saying he caught her by the
shoulder, but as quick as a wink the li-
tle hand came down with a smarting
blow upon his cheek.

"I'll have a kiss for that, I swear!"
he cried; and holding her fast, he
pressed kiss after kiss upon her lips.

At length, by a violent effort, she
freed herself from his grasp and rushed
from the room, when he called after
her:

"I shall keep the mitten, my dear,
until we meet again."

The girl now entered the front shop
whither Lutie had fled from the em-
brace of Leon Lancaster. She received
the desired information and hurried
away.

She completed her business and
drove home minus one mitten, but she
was so thoroughly angry that she did
not notice that one hand was numb
with the cold when she got there.

Thanksgiving day arrived, and with
it numerous guests came to enjoy the
good old festivities at Farmer Bentley's.
Lutie had taken a fancy to spend the
week with her autie, and when she
left her city home for that purpose, it

was understood that Leon Lancaster
should come out and take dinner with
her on Thanksgiving Day. As he was
Lutie's affianced husband, he was of
course a great favorite of Mr. Bentley.

Before the dinner hour arrived Lutie
went to her room to dress.

"Hurry down, Lutie," said her aunt,
"for the company have nearly all ar-
rived and I wish to introduce you be-
fore dinner to those with whom you
are unacquainted."

"I will, autie; and here let me beg
of you not to find fault with my dress
when I come down," said Lutie.

"Of course not, child; wear what
pleases you; only be quick for Leon
will soon be here."

Lutie bounded away wearing a queer
expression upon her beautiful face, and
Mrs. Bentley bustled away to watch the
progress of the preparation for dinner.

In a few moments a stylish turnout
drove up to the door, and Leon Lan-
caster, looking strikingly handsome, in
elegant attire, sprang out, and after
being cordially greeted by Mr. Bentley,
entered the house, where Mrs. Bentley
met him, escorted him into the parlor
and introduced him to the guests
already there assembled.

"Where is Lutie?" he asked, show-
ing the least particle of annoyance that
she had not been there to greet him
when he first came.

"She is in her room finishing her
toilet, I suppose. She will be in in a
minute," replied Mrs. Bentley.

As she left the parlor and passed
through the hall, Lutie came tripping
down stairs. Mrs. Bentley gave one
glance at her attire and exclaimed:

"Why, Lutie Haines, are you crazy?"
"Never more sane in my life, autie.
Will you present me to your guests
now?"

"What do you mean, Lutie?"
"Never mind; I'll explain after a
while," said Lutie.

The Mother and Her Family.

Philosophy is rarely found. The
most perfect sample I ever met was an
old woman, who was apparently the
poorest and most forlorn of the whole
species: so true is the maxim which
all profess to believe, and none act
upon, viz.; that all happiness does not
depend on outward circumstances.

The wise woman to whom I have al-
luded walks to Boston, a distance of
twenty or thirty miles, to sell a bag of
brown thread and stockings, and then
patiently walks back again with her
little gains. Her dress, though tidy,
is a grotesque collection of shreds and
patches, coarse in the extreme.

"Why don't you come down in a
wagon?" said I, when I observed she
was weary with her long journey.

"We haven't got any horse," she re-
plied; "the neighbors are very kind to
me, but they can't spare their, and it
would cost as much to hire one as all
my thread will come to."

"You have a husband—don't he do
something for you?"

"He is a good man—he does all he
can, but he's a cripple and an invalid.
He reels my yarn, and mends the chil-
dren's shoes. He's as kind a husband
as a woman need to have."

"But his being a cripple is a heavy
misfortune to you," I said.

"Why, ma'am, I do not look upon it
in that light," replied the thread wo-
man, "I consider that I have great
reason to be thankful that he never took
to any bad nights."

"How many children have you?"
"Six sons and five daughters, ma'am."
"Six sons and five daughters! What
a family for a poor woman to support!"

"It's a family, surely, ma'am; but
there ain't one of 'em I'd be willing to
lose. They are all healthy children as
need be—willing to work, and all clever
to me. Even the littlest boy, when he
gets a cent now and then for doing an
errand, will be sure to bring it to me."

"Do your daughters spin the thread?"
"No, ma'am; as soon as they are
big enough they go out to service, as I
don't want to keep them always deliv-
ering for me; they are always willing to
give me what they can, but it's right
and fair that they should do a little
for themselves. I do all my spinning
after the folks are abed."

"Do you think you would be better
off if you had no one but yourself to
provide for?"

"Why, no, ma'am, I don't. If I
hadn't been married I should always
have to work as hard as I could, and
now I can't do more than that. My
children are a great comfort to me, and
I look forward to the time when they'll
do as much for me as I have done for
them."

Here was true philosophy! I learned
a lesson from that poor woman which
I shall never forget.

A ROMANTIC RECOGNITION.—About
ten years ago two brothers left their
home in Illinois and went to Califor-
nia. The elder was a man of steady
habits, and had received a good busi-
ness education, but the younger was
inclined to be dissipated, and, indeed,
had figured in so many scrapes at home
that his departure was not regretted in
his native village. The two brothers
lived for a short time in San Francisco
while they looked for situations.

The younger brother, however, fell
into bad company and they separated
by mutual consent. The elder brother
obtained a situation in a wholesale
store as porter, and by his diligence
and steadiness so worked himself into
the confidence of his employers that he
rose from the position of porter to that
of partner in the firm. He lately pur-
chased a house in Bush street, San
Francisco, married a lady of consider-
able fortune of her own, and on one
evening not long since saw three beau-
tiful children around him enjoying the
delights of a charming home. The
family retired at midnight, but the
gentleman had hardly closed his eyes
when he was awakened by a noise down
stairs, and moving stealthily to the
parlor with a revolver in his hand, he
saw a man endeavoring to open the
buffet where he kept his silver. Level-
ing his revolver at the thief's head, he
exclaimed, "Stop, or you're a dead
man!" The jimmy dropped from the
hands of the burglar, who, falling on
his knees, cried out, "As God is my
judge, Robert, I did not know that
you lived here!" The gentleman then
discovered to his horror that the bur-
glar whom he was about to shoot was
the younger brother whom he had not
met for nearly ten years. That night
the brother slept peacefully under the
roof of his forgiving brother.

The following anecdote is told of
Judge Abbott. "When he was in
Charleston he asked the old darkey to
work in his room what made him so
slow about building the fire. The re-
ply was: 'Fact is, judge, dar is no coal
down stairs. I see been up and down
de alley, and stole all de wood I could
find, and in de present demoralized
condition of society I can't do no bet-
ter.'"

A little girl's idea of a plane: a thing
that scrubs snakes out of boards.

The Wonders of Colorado.

Startling developments are constant-
ly being made in Colorado, and it
would appear that wonders are never
to cease in that distant State. The
Mountaineer of a recent date furnishes
the following account of strange dis-
coveries made in the southern part of
that region:

We have just received a call from
Mr. L. Allen, an elderly gentleman
from Rochester, N. Y., who came to
Colorado about a year ago. By the
advice of physicians Mr. Allen was in-
structed to keep in the open air as
much as possible, and so has traveled
extensively through southern Colorado,
prospecting and viewing the country.

He gave us the particulars of a strange
discovery he made on one of his trips,
but declined at present to state the ex-
act locality; mentioning only that it
was some distance south from Pueblo.
At the place mentioned several large
mounds or foot-hills appear rising from
the plains, and situated some distance
from the mountains. Mr. Allen visited
these, and the first thing peculiar he
noticed was what appeared to be a
petrified cocoon. It was much larger
than the ordinary fruit of this kind,
but almost perfect in formation. The
three eyes of a cocoon were plainly
to be seen. On breaking open the
strange stone or petrification the shell
appeared perfect, being some half inch
in thickness, and the inside was com-
posed of white crystal quartz. Mr.
Allen continued his investigations and
discovered a number of other speci-
mens similar to the first; also others
resembling other kinds of fruits. Some
of these contained what appeared to be
seeds embedded in quartz. Specimens
of petrified wood in large quanti-
ties were also found. The mounds or
hills appeared to be made up of loose,
sandy soil, and shells were found of
great variety and quantity.

The strangest part of the discovery, how-
ever, was yet to come. In digging
into the side of the hill Mr. Allen un-
earthed what seemed to be a perfectly
petrified sea turtle, and before closing
his investigations about a dozen of
these were discovered, almost perfect,
and no doubt they are genuine petri-
fications of sea turtles such as are found
in the Pacific. From the numerous
specimens of shells that are found at
various places on the plains, and num-
bers of which can be found and are
found in this vicinity, many persons
are led to believe that the great plains
on which we live were at one time the
bed of an immense ocean, and this dis-
covery would tend to confirm that
theory.

A FEW ITEMS FOR MOTHERS TO
READ.—A correspondent in writing to
the *Middletown Press* offers the fol-
lowing reasonable suggestions to mothers
of afflicted children:

We hope that mothers will remem-
ber that good brandy is a cure for
summer complaint; in bad cases a tea-
spoonful in milk three or four times a
day.

A flannel cloth, wet in hot brandy,
or better, camphor and brandy mixed
and heated, will relieve the pain of the
bowels, if frequently laid over the
stomach and bowels.

Bits of scraped ice are better on the
tongue than drinks of water.

For stings and poisons, a strong so-
lution of saleratus and water immedi-
ately and then frequently applied,
gives relief and sure cure.

For burns, an immediate application
of flour covering the burn and wrap-
ped so as to exclude the air; then burn
lard till it is quite brown and apply,
and relief and cure will soon come.
Do not wash off the flour if it clings,
but put the lard over it.

At night, in extreme warm weather,
a lemon squeezed in tepid water, to
sponge off the tired-out little body, will
give rest to both the mother and child.
Saleratus is good, but the lemon is
best. Even washing off the little feet,
neck, and palms of the hands in tepid,
never very cold, water, will induce a
healthful sleep.

The *Corry Telegraph* says that it has
just been discovered that one of the
unsuccessful candidates for postmaster
there had a place in his house filled
with open-ended cigar boxes, at which
he practiced through the winter dis-
tributing the mail. He should have
received the appointment.

Mrs. W. C. Ralston, the widow of
the late San Francisco millionaire,
writes from Paris to friends at home
that the gentleman to whom she is be-
trothed is a Mr. Candor, an American,
who has long lived in Europe. Paris
or London will probably be her home
after her second marriage.

The New Haven *Palladium* says:
Anderson, the murderer, now in the
county jail, amuses himself by playing
with two or three tiny mice. These
he has tamed so that they regard him
with no fear, and they pass much of
their time in his hands or upon his
clothing.

How to take life easy: be careless
with coal oil.

THE FIRST "TEE-TOTAL" PLEDGE

IN ENGLAND.—While so much atten-
tion is given to the Temperance move-
ment, a few facts about the origin of
the "Tee-total" pledge may come fitly
in place. In England, as well as in
this country, the advocates of the cause
were very active half a century ago.
Societies were formed and "pledges"
signed. The movement in England
was, if not absolutely begun, very large-
ly promoted by "Seven Men of Pres-
ton," all working men, who gave them-
selves to the work with a heartiness
which arose from experience and con-
viction. One of these men, Joseph
Livesey, is still living, or was quite
recently, in or near Preston, and if
living, he is in his eighty-eighth year.
Mr. Livesey was never a victim to the
habit of intemperance. Very soon a
new pledge was prepared, the first sign-
ers of which were the "Seven Men"
above referred to. The new pledge in-
terdicted all liquors of an intoxicating
character. The actual origin of the
word "tee-total" is said to have been as
follows: One Richard Turner, who
spoke fluently, and coined words when
the genuine would not come to him
fast enough, declared, in a public meet-
ing, that no half-way measures would
answer "Nothing," he said, "would do
but the tee-total." And thence came
the word.

Other accounts have been given,
but if this be not the true one, another
charge is to be made against the ver-
acity of tombstones, for the word-corn-
er sleeps under a stone on which is in-
scribed: "Beneath this stone are de-
posited the remains of Richard Turner,
author of the word 'Tee-total,' as ap-
plied to abstinence from all intoxicat-
ing liquors, who departed this life on
the 27th day of October, 1846, aged
56 years."

SCANDAL.—What "they say" is be-
neath your notice. What's the use of
lying awake at night with the unkind
remark of some false friend running
through your brain like forked light-
ning? What's the use of getting into
a worry and fret over gossip that
has been set afloat to your disadvan-
tage by some meddlesome busybody
who has more time than character?
These things can't possibly injure you,
unless, indeed, you take notice of them,
and in combating them give them char-
acter and standing. If what is
said about you is true, set yourself
right at once; if it is false, let it go for
what it will, until it dies of inherent
weakness.

WOMAN'S TRAINING.—It is a sad
fact that a woman is assumed to be
able to keep her household with judg-
ment and success without the smallest
training for it. With the other sex,
in their spheres, no such rule obtains.
No man is given the command of a
boat or a squad until he has proved
himself master of at least the techni-
calities of his command. But a girl of
eighteen passes from the school room,
where she has been in the position of a
subordinate at all times under control,
to the management of a household
where she is supreme and the dispenser
of frowns or favors, the arranger of
tasks and times, and without previous
training in the care of herself expects
to come to a good result in the manage-
ment of men.

HOW THE WOMEN VOTED.—De-
scribing an election for school trustees
in Denver, Colorado, on the 17th inst.,
the *News* of that city says: "Three
hundred and twenty-three votes were
cast by women, and some laughable
incidents occurred during the day.
The married ladies almost invariably
gave their husbands' initials, and one
of them wanted to vote for her hus-
band, 'who couldn't come,' she said.
Several ladies, in giving their names,
added very earnestly that they didn't
want them to 'go into the papers.' Only
one vote was challenged—that of a
young miss of eighteen, who knew she
was old enough to marry, and thought
she was old enough to vote."

THE LAST OF TABLE ROCK AT
NIAGARA.—On the 24th ult., the last
of what was so long known as Table
Rock, at Niagara, broke off and fell
into the river. The mass weighed
nearly sixty tons, and up to 1876 over
four thousand names of visitors had
been carved upon it. The part which
fell on the 24th composed only half of
the original rock, the rest having fallen
in. On Saturday, January 1, 1829, a
surface of the rock, supposed to be the
size of half an acre, forming the bed of
Maiden Walk, broke loose, and was
precipitated into the immense chasm
below. The crash was heard for a
distance of five miles, and the effects in
the immediate neighborhood resembled
the shock of an earthquake. The
water running in the bank is supposed
to have caused the fall on the 24th.
The shock when the rock struck the
water was distinctly felt three miles
from the fall. Several of the trees that
stood on the rock are now seen stand-
ing in the river as erect as when in
their original places on the rock.—*Sy-
racuse Standard*.

Varieties.

Turkey, it is stated, will be served a
la Russe.

Death cannot be an evil, for it is
universal.

Example has more influence than
authority.

Love those who advise, but not those
who praise you.

The surest remedy against scandal
is to live it down.

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4 "	2.25	4.50	8.00	12.00	20.00
5 "	2.75	5.50	9.50	14.00	24.00
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8 "	4.25	8.50	14.00	20.00	36.00
9 "	4.75	9.50	15.50	22.00	40.00
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SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 30, 1877.

LOCAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The Smyrna M. E. Sunday school will make an excursion to Cape May at an early date.

Smyrna to be a Fourth of July temperance celebration, and another will take place on the Camden camp grounds.

Wilmington's entire loan, one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars, including one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for a reservoir, has been sold.

The celebration of St. John's Day by the colored Masses of Delaware at Dover on Saturday last was a very creditable affair, and everything passed off in a pleasant and decorous manner. There were about five hundred men in line.

There will be a grand excursion from Georgetown, Md., to Baltimore, on the Fourth of July, per steamer *Transcript*. All those wishing to have a good time on that day, should not fail to be on the excursion, as the round trip only costs the small sum of one dollar.

The pools on the 2.30 race between Saddle Bell and Delaware, which was trotted at the spring meeting of the Wilmington Trotting Association in that city on the 12th and 13th instants, have been "declared off" by the National Trotting Association, to whom the matter was referred for settlement.

Raspberries. Raspberries have been very scarce in our market this season. A few rock cake can be seen in the market, but they are nearly all, and scarcely any ones at all have yet appeared, and these few are so high in price, that they are beyond the reach of ordinary pocket-books.

A New Dispensary. E. H. Rice & Co. have started a new enterprise. Every day, just about noon, their wagon passes through the town, stopping at all the houses, with ice cream, delivering the "cooling luxury" just in time for an afternoon's dessert.

Zimmerman Fruit Dryer. Farmers and fruit growers interested in called to the advertisement of J. B. Naudain, agent for Zimmerman's improved fruit dryer. This dryer has a frame of hard wood covered with galvanized iron; the racks are so arranged that there is a free circulation of hot air equally through all parts of the machine. It is substantially and practically constructed, and something that every farmer should have.

Removal of Mr. Butler. Rev. Wm. C. Butler removed with his family from Middletown on Thursday. He goes to take charge of a P. E. Church in Queen Anne's district, Prince George's county, Md. Mr. Butler leaves behind him many warm friends who greatly regret his departure, and who extend to him their cordial wishes for success in his new field of labor.

St. Anne's Parish is now without a rector, but the pulpits will probably be supplied from Sabbath to Sabbath until the vacancy shall be filled.

A Narrow Escape. As the afternoon passenger train approached the trestle work near St. Anne's crossing below Middletown on Tuesday afternoon, the engineer saw a negro boy walking upon the track. He reversed the engine but could not stop it in time and the whole train passed over the boy. On arriving at Middletown the engineer reported the circumstances and men were sent down to find the body, but instead of a "dead nigger," they found the boy out in the field at work. He had dropped between the trestle work on the approach of the engine and so escaped all injury. It was a narrow escape though, and required quick work.

The Cat Bites. Messrs. Lindley & Kemp, have at their hardware store, a sporting rifle bearing the above name, and it shoots without making scarcely any noise. It is on the principle of an air gun. It is intended to be raffled for on the Fourth of July. It is a very pretty piece of workmanship, and shoots with much accuracy. They have a nice variety of arms and guns, and customers can be supplied with almost any style desired, as they seem to take much pride in keeping up with the times in this, as well as in every other department of their business.

The Middletown Schools. Public examinations have been in progress in the different departments of the schools of District Nos. 60 and 94 this week, in which the scholars have acquitted themselves very handsomely, reflecting much credit both on themselves and their teachers. In Algebra, History, Physical Geography, Arithmetic and other studies the pupils sustained their examinations in a manner that was very gratifying to their parents, and all who witnessed the examinations. Since the reunion of the two districts and the occupancy of the Academy building the Middletown schools seem to have received new life and are rapidly advancing in interest and importance, and under the present corps of teachers it is greatly hoped that they will soon be among the best in the State.

Struck by Lightning. During the storm on Tuesday evening the cupola on the Academy building in this town was struck by lightning and considerably damaged. The crash of thunder which followed was terrific. In a few minutes the Academy bell was rung giving the alarm of fire. The citizens rushed to the scene with Babcock extinguishers, buckets, etc., but as the fire had made but slight progress it was soon extinguished and the trouble was over. An examination proved that considerable injury had been done to the cupola and tower. The lightning struck the spire on the south side, rivaling a carpenter in stripping off the shingles; it then passed along the corner of the bell tower tearing off boards and cornice, thence down the roof, ploughing a furrow in the shingles in its course, to the porch from which it fell, in a large ball of fire, to the ground. The roof of the porch being in no harm was done to it. None of the occupants of the building were injured.

The lightning struck a fence near the farm house occupied by Samuel McVey, near Townsend, and killed a turkey hen and nine young turkeys. Mrs. McVey was standing in the house door at the time and was badly stunned by the shock.

A Defiant Contractor.

P. J. Duffy, the contractor for erecting the brick stores for Mr. Robert A. Cochran, in this place, abandoned the work last Saturday morning and left for parts unknown, taking with him, it is said, money which he ought to have paid over to J. L. Guyer & Son, of New Castle, for bricks. Mr. Cochran warns all persons from selling, or delivering materials to Duffy, on his account.

Mr. Chas. M. Stanger, of Middletown, has now taken the job and will finish it, as there is no danger that he will abandon any work that he once undertakes.

Judge Houston on Delaware College.

In his remarks at the anniversary of the Athenaeum Society of Delaware College, Tuesday evening, Judge Houston briefly told how the Trustees of Delaware College, who held all the property of the institution, had turned it over to the State in order to get for the State the benefit of the Government appropriation for Agricultural and Industrial Colleges. "Now," said he, emphatically, "the State of Delaware owns the College and hasn't paid a cent for it. Uncle Sam has paid \$80,000, yielding about \$5,000 a year—about all we can depend on. The State must do as much as the Government. She ought to be ashamed of her meanness. She has as much wealth as any State in proportion to her size. Why should any member of the Legislature refuse to vote for an appropriation of \$8,000 or \$10,000 for this great object?"

Judge Houston concluded, amid hearty applause, with the declaration that he did not intend to rest until the Legislature should do this, their duty.

The Temperance Movement.

The fourth Gospel Temperance meeting was held in the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon commencing at four o'clock. The stage was occupied by Revs. Dr. Patton and Messrs. Kennedy and Martindale. Mr. John Fox, of Wilmington, and the members of the Advisory Committee. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Martindale, and consisted, as usual, of prayer, singing of hymns from the Sankey and Bliss collection, and address. Mr. Fox was the chief speaker. He was a reclaimed drinker and gave an account of his own career, and of the great injury and harm that he had incurred, both in person and property, by the use of intoxicating drink. Pointing to himself as an evidence of the evil effects of liquor-drinking he appealed to all who are accustomed to drinking, whether moderately or to excess, to cease before it becomes too late. He warned them of the danger of moderate drinking, arguing that those who relied upon their strength of will to drink or not as they chose, would find the appetite for drink increase upon them before they were aware and when they would stop, they would find it harder to resist the temptation than when they were now supping. The only safe way to get strong drinks, alone entirely, and, as an aid to this, urged them to sign the pledge. He related his own experience in this respect: He was once the possessor of considerable property, which with proper management would have yielded him a sufficient income to support him during life, but he had wasted it all in drink and riotous living. He had recently recovered, taken the pledge and joined the temperance movement, and he hoped he was now on the road to a complete reformation from his former habits.

Other addresses were made by Dr. Patton, Rev. Mr. Kennedy and Mr. A. G. Cox. After which the pledge was passed around among the audience and a number of signatures secured. The list now covers over one hundred names. Another meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon in the hall at four o'clock.

The Ocean City Excursion.

The railroad excursion to Ocean City on Wednesday is said by those who went, to have been very pleasant. The rain of the night before having laid the dust along the route, the ride was a most delightful one, and the time—seven hours—spent upon the shore was well worth all the trouble and expense of getting there. The Wilmington city coronet band, which accompanied the excursion, added very much to the pleasure of the trip—playing at the train approach, many of the principal stations, and at the beach. A correspondent of the *Wilmington Gazette* gives a lengthy account of the trip; the country along the route, and closes with the following description of Ocean City.

As the train approaches the city it crosses Synepont Bay, between which and the Atlantic Ocean it is situated.

From present appearance it is destined to be one of the finest summer resorts in the country. It is directly upon the Ocean, and has an unbroken beach from Indian river inlet to Chincoteague neck. Immediately in the rear of the city is situated the beautiful bay of Synepont, forming one of the safest for boating, and fishing that can be found anywhere, and also for bathing for those who are timid about going into the Ocean, the water being just as brackish.

The bathing in the Ocean at this resort is considered safer than at any other summer resort in this country. As one stands upon the beach and gazes out upon the Ocean, they notice about the 300 yards out a dark line upon which the water has the appearance of being green. This line is naturally formed, and is called the safety line. At the demarkation the surf breaks, and all inside of the line there is no undertow, white beyond, the undertow commences. This line is something that cannot be seen upon the Ocean at any other place, and is a constant warning to those who are in bathing not to venture beyond that point.

At the present time the city consists of three hotels, the finest and largest being the Atlantic built by the Railroad Company, and leased by John Treacy. This hotel is situated almost immediately upon the beach, and a large porch extends all the way around it affording its guests a magnificent opportunity to enjoy the fresh air, and to see and listen to the ceaseless moan of the Ocean.

A few yards further back, is situated the sea side hotel, leased by S. J. Massey, Esq.

Another hotel not yet named, and which has just been finished will be opened on Monday. The Railroad Company are also completing an excursion house, where families who visit the resort and bring their diners with them can go and eat.

The place also contains a drug store, post-office, fruit store, and several other places of business. So far there has been four cottages erected, but most of the lots have been sold and a large number of cottages will be erected during the season. For the amusement of guests there are two ten pin alleys and billiard rooms. For the convenience of those who have two of which the Diamond State has a solid.

The place is conveniently situated being 138 miles from Philadelphia, 132 miles from Wilmington, and 200 miles from Baltimore. The P. W. & B. R. will sell tickets at reduced rates, and run their trains for the convenience of those who desire to make this place their summer resort. The trains run along side of the Atlantic Hotel and passengers are not put to the trouble of walking any distance. The rate of board has been fixed at \$12 per week. Several of the excursionists on Wednesday arrived themselves of the opportunity to take a dip in old Ocean, and it was fun to watch them and see a large breaker come rolling up, and if the water was not looking strike them and completely submerge them.

Business Locals.

Stop your Leaky Roofs by using *Glines' Slate Roof Paint*. It is the best Roof Paint in use, and is sold at a very low price. For sale by G. H. HUKILL, Middletown, Del.

Having two delivery wagons in full operation, I am now prepared to fill orders and deliver goods at your homes free of charge. Maryland deliveries, Wednesday and Saturday. Delaware deliveries, Monday, Tuesday and Friday. G. W. W. NAUDAIN.

Large assortment of Water Coolers, cheap. At LINDLEY & KEMP'S.

Reynolds' Automatic Fire-proof Evaporator dries fruits and vegetables to a quality unsurpassed.

Wilmington City Soap. Try it. Use it. Buy choice Rio Coffee, green, 25 cents, roasted 25 cents, cash. S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Highest market price paid in Cash for New Clipped Wool, by G. W. W. NAUDAIN.

The best Hedge Knives, at LINDLEY & KEMP'S.

Paper Collars 15 and 20 cents per box. S. M. REYNOLDS'.

NEW STOCK—MATTINGS. WHITE AND CHECK. Full width and Low Prices.

Trains, Ingrain, Rag and Hemp, from 25 to \$1.25 per yard. S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Just received a lot of No. 1 Labrador Herring in half barrels; price, \$3.50, at S. R. STEPHENS & Co.

Hardware, Stores and Tinware at LINDLEY & KEMP.

Choice Brains Cheating and Smoking Tobacco, Pipe Cigars and Cigarettes, for sale at ELIASON BROS.

Reynolds' Automatic Fire-proof Evaporator is not liable to get out of order.

A full line of Alpaca and Poplin Lustre's, at ELIASON BROS.

Stoncomb Mince Meat, Cranberries, Raisins, Citron, Prunes, etc., at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

No. 2 and 3 Mackerel, in barrels, half barrels and kits, New Split Labrador Herring in barrels and half barrels, just received at ELIASON BROS.

Reynolds' Automatic Fire-proof Evaporator can be had of J. B. NAUDAIN, Middletown, Del.

New Orleans and Porto Rico Molasses (Sugar Loaf Brand) and Sugar House Syrups, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

"Gone to the bottom," Ladies' Fine Morocco Sewed Shoes, \$1 per pair, at ELIASON BROS.

Clark's O. N. T. Spool Cotton, 68 cents per dozen, at ELIASON BROS.

Harness Leather, Rings, Buckles and Sheep Skins, at LINDLEY & KEMP'S.

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Men's fine calf Dress Boots, double and single sole, \$4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 68.00, 68.50, 69.00, 69.50, 70.00, 70.50, 71.00, 71.50, 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